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SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that the constitution of the Harijan Welfare Committee was done all through from the members of one particular community among Harijans, namely, Malas, otherwise called Parayas? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am not aware of that, Sir."

Bridge over the Godavari at Kovvur.

* 395 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member, Sri M. Rajeswara Rao, is not in his seat, the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a plan with the Government to construct a bridge across the Godavari river by the side of the existing railway bridge at Kovvur, West Godavari district; and

(*b*) if so, the probable cost of the construction of such a bridge?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) The question does not arise."

Planning Commission discussion on the utilization of Godavari and Krishna waters.

* 404 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representative of the Government of Madras is participating in the meeting of the Planning Commission convened to discuss and take final decision on the utilization of Krishna and Godavari river waters; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any, and if so, what mandate was given to the representative of the Government of Madras about the stand he should take in the discussions?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The stage has not yet been reached when any finalised policy can be declared, as the matter is still being considered by the Planning Commission of the Central Government. But, it may be stated generally, on behalf of this Government, that we are in favour of giving to the underwatered areas of Rayalaseema and contiguous uplands in Nellore and Guntur districts, top priority in making the best use of available surplus waters. subject of course to physical and financial limitations."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" ఇప్పుడు కొన్నికొన్ని schemes అనగా కృష్ణా-పెన్నారు, గండికోట, నందికొండ అనే స్కీముల విషయములో Planning Commission వారు చేసే విచారణకుగాను ప్రభుత్వం ఏమి stand తీసుకొని ప్రభుత్వ ప్రతినిధులకు చెప్పి పంపించారు ? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Notice, Sir."